SHEED): (a) and (b) India has been taking a leading part in efforts at the United Nations and i$_n$ other international fora to promote (negotiations between the White minority South African Government and the reprsenta-tives of the African National Congress, as well as representatives of other liberation movements, in order to bring about demorcatic and non-r'acial government in South Af rica. Since the talks were initiated in December. 19?H. despite occasional setbacks, considenble progress has hea(n recorded and Indi'a has welcomed the recent decison for full-scale resumption of constitutional negotiations. During this period, we have continued our traditional political moral and material support to the ANC.

Tapti Gas Fields

*467. SHRI ANANTH A' DEV-SHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to allo-ate natural gas of Tapti Gas Fields to Pipavav if not, the reasons therefor; ri)d

(b) whether State Government has submitted any proposal for developing the Tapti Gas Fields: if so, the decision taken by Central Government theroen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) It has been decided that the gas from (he Mid and South Tapti fields has to be brought to Hazira to meet the existing commitments ex Hazira and along the HBJ pipelire.

(b) A proposal had been received from Government of Guiarat in [99i for development of Mid and South Tapti fields. Government of India have since offered ike Mid and South Tapti fields for development by private companies under .Joint venture arrangements with ONNC.

National/International AIDS Com nyjtiee

*468. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HEALTH . AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleaded to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Na-tional|International AIDS Committee was held in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, whether the modalities for evolving a multisectoral approach to prevent the spread of AIDS in the country was discussed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b): Ye*. Sir. A meeting of the National AIDS committee was held in Delih on the 15th February, 1993.

(c) The meeting endorsed that there should be a well coordinated effort to generate awareness so as to Orevent risk-behaviour which faci litates the transmission of HIV and stresses} th^: importance of associating Non-Governmental Organisations with this effort.

Ayurvedic Medical System in the rtountry

*469 DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

SHRT VREN J. SHAH:

Win th* Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decide to encourage Ayurvedic Medical system in the country.